

SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM COMES TO MILTON-FREEWATER

Washington, DC. is thousands of miles away from Milton-Freewater (2,139 miles "as the crow flies"), but if you want to visit the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM), No Problem! On Tuesday, May 13, SAAM will be coming to the Albee Room at the Milton-Freewater Public Library.

As part of a two-year project entitled "A Sense of Place" a live Smithsonian presentation will be offered as a "brown bag lunch" program at the library. "The Lure of the West: Artwork of Westward Expansion" will be the topic of an interactive teleconference, open to the public at no charge. The program will run from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. If you don't want to bring your own lunch, take-out lunches are available from local restaurants, including the snack bar in the library lobby.

Smithsonian staff members and docents will be sharing a selection of artworks representing the opening of the west. The paintings, medallions, and other works are housed in two buildings in Washington, and some are not even on public display at this time. That means people in Milton-Freewater will be seeing objects they could not see if they made the long journey to the actual museum.

"A Sense of Place" will bring a variety of special events to dozens of libraries throughout eastern Oregon. It is made possible by a grant to Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.